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TAGS: ENRG, NZ

SUBJ: BUNKERING OF VESSELS

REF: STATE 234084

1. FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY DEC.18 THAT BY MINISTERIAL DECISION THE US ICEBREAKER GLACIER ENROUTE ANTARCTICA TO OPEN CHANNEL FOR SUPPLY SHIPS WOULD BE BUNKERED AT LYTTLETON PROVIDED AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IS SUPPLIED TO NEW ZEALAND. SAME WOULD APPLY TO STATEN ISLAND. TOTAL NEEDS FOR THESE SHIPS TO ANTARCTICA ABOUT 530,000 US GALLONS.

2. ON BASIS OF EARLIER INFORMATION RECD BY NAVAL ATTACHE GNZ HAD APPROVED THE BUNKERING ONN GLACIER AND SHE PROCEEDED FROM PORT OF WELLINGTON TO LYTTLETON FOR BUNKERING AND AT THIS TIME, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION ON GNZ SIDE
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IS NOW PARTIALLY BUNKERED (DEC.18).

3. I CALLED MINISTER ENERGY RESOURCES FREER (DEC. 18) AND MENTIONED PM'S STATEMENT TO ME THAT DEEPFREEZE SHOULD CONTINUE AND SHIPS NEEDED TO GET THROUGH BEFORE FREEZE. HE STATED "SHIPS CAN BE BUNKERED." BUT ADDED GNZ NEEDED KEEP RECORDS STRAIGHT WITH ARAB SUPPLIERS SHOWING THAT NZ WAS ITSELF USING FUEL MADE AVAILABLE TO IT FOR ITS OWN USE AND NOT PROVIDING IT TO THIRD COUNTRIES. I SAID I COULD NOT COMMIT US TO THIS, BUT WOULD INFORM MY GOVERNMENT. I URGED GNZ TO MAKE ITS CASE IN WASHDC. FREER RECOGNIZED "DEEPFREEZE" WAS A JOINT EFFORT AND STATED HIS CONFIDENCE US AND NZ WOULD WORK TOGETHER ON JOINT FUEL PROBLEM.

4. SINCE DICTATING ABOVE GNZ COMMISSIONER ENERGY RESOURCES HOGG CALLED ME TO SAY FREER HAD TOLD HIM I WOULD SEND PAPER COMMITTING US TO RESUPPLYING FUEL FOR GLACIER AND STATEN ISLAND. I REITERATED TO HOGG I COULD NOT MAKE THIS COMMITMENT. FREER HAS NOW LEFT HIS OFFICE. HOGG IS TRYING TO REACH HIM AND INFORM ME AND SHELL. SHELL WILL NOT BUNKER GLACIER UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY GNZ. THIS MUST COME FROM FREER.

5. WE ALSO HAVE QUESTION RE BUNKERING WHEN GLACIER RETURNS FROM ICE FEB. 19 AND WILL NEED 330,000 US GALLONS. OTHER SHIPS RETURNING FROM ICE ARE TOWLE (25 JAN.) AND MAUMEE (DATE NOT YET KNOWN). THEY WILL NEED NAVY BLACK OIL IN AMOUNT NOT YET KNOWN.

6. WILL CONTINUE KEEP DEPT. INFORMED.

7. COMMENT: ABOVE SHOWS GNZ HAS MOVED ON FUEL QUESTION IN ONE WEEK FROM PARALYSIS TO PARANOIA.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY REASSURANCE OF EVENTUAL RESUPPLY WHICH EMBASSY CAN GIVE GNZ.
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